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SUBJECT: UNDP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) TO BANGLADESH FOR
ENERGY POLICY STUDY PROJECT: ADB AS EXECUTING AGENCY

REF: MANILA 5547

SUMMARY: ADB PROPOSING TO SERVE AT REQUEST OF BANGLADESH
GOVT AS EXECUTING AGENT FOR UNDP-FINANCED ENERGY POLICY
STUDY AIMED AT FORMULATING APPROACH FOR OPTIMUM USE OF
ENERGY RESOURCES IN BANGLADESH. TOTAL FOREX COST OF
STUDY TO BE FINANCED BY UNDP, ESTIMATED AT US\$1,250,000.
PROPOSAL IS FOLLOW-ON TO BANGLADESH ENERGY INCEPTION
STUDY APPROVED BY ADB BOARD LAST MAY (PER REFTTEL). STUDY
WILL PROVIDE DATA USEFUL FOR ENERGY POLICY FORMULATION
AS WELL AS INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR OVERALL RESOURCE
ALLOCATION DURING NEXT DECADE OR LONGER. USADB RECOMMENDS
FAVORABLE NAC ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. ADB DOC R94-74 DESCRIBING PROPOSED TA POUCHD OCT
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14. BOARD CONSIDERATION SCHEDULED OCT 31.

2. ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSING SERVE AS EXECUTING AGENCY FOR COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY SURVEY INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIABLE DATA BASE AS WELL AS DETERMINING TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY TO PRE-FEASIBILITY LEVEL OF VARIOUS SELECTED PROJECTS. STUDY WOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPTIMUM USE OF NATURAL GAS RESERVES CONSIDERED MAJOR VARIABLE AFFECTING GROWTH PROSPECTS OF ECONOMY.

3. UNDP GRANT OF \$1.25 MILLION TO FINANCE FOREX COSTS OF 135 MAN-MONTHS OF CONSULTANT SERVICES. CONSULTANTS WILL COLLECT AND ORGANIZE STATISTICAL DATA ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USAGE OF ENERGY BY MAJOR SECTORS; ESTABLISH CURRENT OUTPUTS ON SECTORAL BASIS, BY ENERGY USERS; WITH HELP OF PLANNING COMMISSION PROJECT FUTURE DEMAND FOR ENERGY AND EXAMINE RESOURCES AVAILABLE; REVIEW EXISTING PROJECTS AND UPDATE ASSESSMENTS OF THEM GIVEN CURRENT INTEREST RATES, FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES, COSTS OF LOCAL AND LATERNATIVE INPUTS; INCLUDING PREPARATION OF DETAILED STUDIES APPROPRIATE FOR CONSIDERATION AS SPECIFIC PROJECTS UP TO 1983; WILL EXAMINE AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS FOR NON-ENERGY USES.

4. BANK, IN SERVING AS EXECUTING AGENCY WOULD RECRUIT, SUPERVISE, REVIEW AND EVALUATE CONSULTANT'S WORK AND MONITOR PROGRESS OF STUDY, WHILE PERFORMING NEEDED OVERALL AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION. UNDP TO REIMBURSE BANK AMOUNT UP TO 13 PERCENT OF FOREX COST OF STUDY TO OFFSET BANK EXPENSES AND IN ACCORD WITH EXISTING UNDP PRACTICE.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COUNTERPART TEAM; UNDP OFFICE IN DACCA TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL BACKSTOPPING (ESTIMATED TO COST \$200,000); WITH GOVT CONTRIBUTION OF ABOUT TAKA 500,000 (\$60,000 APPROX.).

6. CONSULTANT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS DO NOT COMMIT BANK TO FINANCE OR PURSUE OTHER FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS, WHICH ARE TO BE CONSIDERED LATER ON BASIS OF MERITS OF INDIVIDUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECTS.

7. U.S. AND OTHER DIRECTORS DID NOT INTERPOSE ANY OBJECTIONS TO BANK ISSUING INVITATIONS TO POTENTIAL CONSULTING FIRMS PENDING CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT BY BOARD, SCHEDULED 31 OCT 1974. USADB RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC ACTION. REQUEST U.S. MISSION DACCA'S COMMENTS FOR NAC AGENCIES, INFO USADB MANILA, PURSUANT TO STATE 119795 DTD 3 JULY 1972.

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